

Subsections 708(a)(1) (A); 708(a)(3) through 708(a)(8)(C); 708(b)(1)(A) through 708(c); and 708(d)(2) through 708(g), Title 14, CCR remain unchanged.

Subsection 708(a)(2)(A), Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

(2) Deer License Tag Application and Distribution Procedures.

(A) Distribution of Deer License Tags:

1. Deer Tag Classification

a. Premium Deer Hunt Tags shall include all deer hunt tags where the tag quota filled on or before the first business day after July 1 in the immediately preceding license year. C, D12 and D17 tags shall not be classified as premium deer hunt tags regardless of the date the tag quota filled in the immediately preceding license year.

b. Restricted Deer Hunt Tags shall include all non-Premium deer hunt tags where the tag quota filled on or before the first business day after August 1 in the immediately preceding license year. C, D12 and D17 tags shall be classified as restricted deer hunt tags regardless of the date the tag quota filled in the immediately preceding license year.

c. Unrestricted Hunt Tags shall include all deer hunt tags where the tag quota did not fill on or before the first business day after August 1 in the immediately preceding license year.

d. The department may designate the deer tag classification for any deer hunt that was not held in the previous year.

~~12. Premium deer hunt tags for X-zones, additional hunts, and area-specific archery hunts shall be distributed by drawing, as described in subsection 708(g)(1) and (2), unless otherwise authorized. Applicants shall submit their deer tag application to the department at the address specified on the application. Applications must be received by the department by 5:00 p.m. on the first business day after June 1. Successful applicants will be selected by drawing within 10 business days following the application deadline date. If the drawing is delayed due to circumstances beyond the department's control, the department shall conduct the drawing at the earliest date possible. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by mail.~~

~~23. Except as noted in subsection 708(a)(2)(E) below, deer tags for A, B, C, and D zones any restricted deer hunt tag or any unrestricted deer hunt tag and premium tags leftover after the drawing tags shall be issued upon request until each tag quota fills. If, on any given day, the number of applications received for any zone or hunt exceeds the number of available tags, the department may conduct a drawing for that zone or hunt.~~

Subsection 708(a)(2)(D), Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

(D) Application Fee: The department shall require that the specified fee for a deer tag, as specified in Section 4332 of the Fish and Game Code, be paid as a prerequisite to obtaining a deer tag application. In addition to the tag fee, the department shall also charge a nonrefundable processing fee, as specified in Section 702, for each deer tag application. The department shall not refund the fees paid to obtain a deer tag application for closures of any zone due to fire, weather or other natural disasters.

Subsection 708(a)(2)(E), Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

(E) Application Restrictions:

1. First-Deer Tag Application:

a. Any person may use a first-deer tag application to apply for any premium deer hunt tag (~~X zone, additional hunt, or area-specific archery hunt~~) issued by drawing as specified in subsection 708(a)(2)(A)~~2~~4.

b. Any person may use a first-deer tag application to apply for an ~~A, B, C, or D zone tag~~ any restricted deer hunt tag or unrestricted deer hunt tag. Tags shall be issued upon request to first tag applicants until the quota for the hunt is reached.
~~or archery-only tag issued upon request.~~

c. Any person may use a first-deer tag application to apply for any premium deer hunt tag (~~X zone, additional hunt~~) ~~or area-specific archery hunt~~ remaining on the first business day after July 1. Applications must be submitted to the department's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento, unless otherwise specified by the department. Premium deer hunt tags remaining on the first business day after July 1 shall be issued upon request to first deer tag applicants until the tag quota for the hunt is reached.

2. Second-Deer Tag Application:

a. Any person may use a second-deer tag application to apply for any unrestricted deer hunt tag. ~~an A or B zone tag or archery-only tag issued upon request.~~ Tags shall be issued upon request to second deer tag applicants until the quota for the hunt is reached.

~~b. Any person may use a second-deer tag application to apply for any area-specific archery tag remaining on the first business day following July 1. Applications must be submitted to the department's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento, unless otherwise specified by the department.~~

~~eb. Any person may use a second-deer tag application to apply for any ~~D zone tag or additional hunt tag~~, except an additional apprentice hunt tag, premium or restricted deer hunt tag remaining on the first business day following August 1. Applications may be submitted before that date to the department's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento. Restricted deer hunt tags remaining on the first business day following August 1 shall be issued upon request to second deer tag applicants until the quota for the hunt is reached.~~

~~ec. Any person in possession of a valid hunting license, who has not used a first-deer tag application to apply for an additional apprentice hunt, may use a second-deer tag application to apply for an additional apprentice hunt tag issued by drawing as specified in subsection 708(a)(2)(A)~~2~~4, and 708(g)(2)(A). An apprentice hunter may not submit more than one application for additional apprentice hunts.~~

~~ed. No person shall submit more than one first-deer tag application and one second-deer tag application to the department during any one license year. Any person in violation of this subsection may be denied deer tags for the current and following license year.~~

Subsection 708(a)(2)(F), Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

(F) Deer Tag Exchange Fee: The department shall not exchange any deer tag for a different zone or hunt after the tag quota for the original tag zone or hunt fills for the season. The department shall not exchange a tag if the earliest season (either archery or general) for the tag being exchanged has opened. The department shall charge a nonrefundable processing fee, as specified in Section 702, for exchanging a deer tag for a different zone or hunt.

Subsection 708(b)(1), Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

(b) Distribution of Bighorn Sheep License Tags:

(1) Fund-raising Nelson bighorn ram license tags: Fund-raising license tags for the taking of mature Nelson bighorn rams shall be sold for the purpose of raising funds to manage bighorn sheep. The department may designate a nonprofit organization to sell this fund-raising tag. Any resident or nonresident is eligible to buy the tag. The sale price of a fund-raising license tag includes the fee for processing and issuing a hunting license. The purchaser of a fund-raising license tag shall complete a required hunter orientation program conducted by the department and meet the hunter education requirements for a hunting license. The fund-raising license tags are defined as follows:

(A) Open-zone fund-raising license tags: These fund-raising license tags are valid in any of the areas described in subsection 362(a).

Subsection 708(d)(1), Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

(d) Distribution of Elk License Tags:

(1) Three fund-raising license tags for the taking of elk bulls shall be offered for sale to raise funds for the management of elk. The department may designate a nonprofit organization or organizations to sell the fund-raising tags. Any resident or nonresident is eligible to buy one of the license tags. The sale price of a fund-raising license tag includes the fee for processing and issuing a hunting license. The purchase of fund-raising tags shall complete required hunter orientation programs conducted by the department and meet the hunter safety requirements for a hunting license.

Subsequent sections remain unchanged.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203, 215, 219, 220, 331, 332, 1050, 1572, 4302, 4331, 4336, 4340, 4341 and 10502, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 201, 202, 203, 203.1, 207, 210, 215, 219, 220, 331, 332, 713, 1050, 1570, 1571, 1572, 3950, 3951, 4302, 4330, 4331, 4332, 4333, 4336, 4340, 4341, 4652, 4653, 4654, 4655, 4657, 4750, 4751, 4752, 4753, 4754, 4755, 4756, 4902, 10500 and 10502, Fish and Game Code.